

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF FIRE PREVENTION

October 12, 2017

A regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Fire Prevention was held in the Main Conference Room at the Franklin Township Municipal Building at 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset; on October 12, 2017 from 7:40 pm to 8:40 pm. Chairwoman Christina Klam called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and reading of the Sunshine Notice.

A moment of silence was held for all members who have passed.

ATTENDANCE

<u> </u> Shanel Robinson	<u> </u> Phil Kramer	Township Council
<u> X </u> Brian Farrar	<u> </u> Teddy Cerra	Twp. Manager/Police Dept.
<u> X </u> John Hauss	<u> X </u> Andrew Berardo	Fire Prevention
<u> X </u> Rich Hibbard	<u> X </u> Ryan Hunt	Fire District No. 1
<u> X </u> Darrell Myers	<u> X </u> Dave Hammer	Fire District No. 2
<u> X </u> Sherrod Middleton	<u> </u> Theodore Ritterson	Fire District No. 3
<u> X </u> Christina Klam	<u> X </u> Keith Chase	Fire District No. 4
<u> X </u> Vincent Inzano	<u> X </u> Steve Berardo	Fire Chief's Association

MINUTES – The September 7, 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – Chairwoman Christina Klam announced that the joint meeting will take place on November 8, 2017 and will limit the meeting to 2 hrs.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT – The Board reviewed the Activity, FAAR and Fire Call Response reports for September.

John Hauss advised that the Department finished interviewing for the part-time clerical position. He hopes to have a decision in a few weeks. John informed the Board that State fees were approved, he is waiting on the local ordinance to put everything into effect.

John discussed the incidents at Somerset Run and explained that there is difference between a fire call from a “fire alarm system activation” and a “single station smoke alarm inside an indivial dwelling unit”. In the past 3 years, there have been 10 fire alarm system activations in the 8 Carriage buildings in Somerset Run. Four of the ten were from frozen sprinkler pipes and six were from smoke detector activations. In addition to these fire calls, there were five elevator alarms, one brush fire and three calls reporting an odor of smoke. There were nine smoke alarms and five carbon monoxide alarms in indivial dwelling units. John explained that a most of these calls are beyond the control of Fire Prevention and where enforcement is allowed, the Department takes the necessary action.

TRUST FUND – \$1,086.32

John Hauss spoke to the principal at Franklin High School and requested approval for \$1,000 for the Seton Hall Presentation again this year. Christina Klam made a motion and Keith Chase seconded; the Board approved the \$1,000.00 for the presentation.

Turn-out gear funds - \$682.51 – no action

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT – John reported that all Districts have signed the Shared Services Agreement and the Agreement will be sent to the Council for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – There was discussion of the Joint Meeting and what will be discussed. Christina Klam spoke about the agenda. Addressing radios, shared policy, mutual aid, dispatch policies, off hour's coverage.

Brian Farrar informed the Board that Franklin / Somerset First Aid Squad is no longer in service.

ROUNDTABLE COMMENTARY – Richard Hibbard Stated the County Fire Police Meeting is being held tomorrow 10/13/17 @ 7pm at Montgomery Fire Department.

Steve Berardo requested an updated insurance policy book.

Sherrod Middleton reported on the passing of Commissioner John Bryne. He also reported Community Fire Department received a new Engine and East Franklin Fire Department received a new Ladder Truck.

Dave Hammer reported on the emergency warning signal on Route 27 in front of Little Rocky Hill Fire House.

PUBLIC SESSION –

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 7:30 PM
Franklin Township Municipal Building
Large Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,

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